

REMARKS

The courtesy of the Examiner in granting an interview to the applicants' attorney and her help during the interview are gratefully acknowledged. During the interview the Examiner and the attorney agreed to changes to claim 1 that the Examiner stated would render claim 1 patentable over the prior art. More specifically, it was agreed that, in claim 1, "weather shielding" would be inserted before "covering members" in line 8, the numerals "7, 8" would be deleted from line 10 to avoid confusion, and "parallel" would be inserted before "side" in line 19.

The Examiner also stated that the amended claim 1 would be definite by the standards of 35 U.S.C. 112. Moreover, the Examiner stated that the interior glazing profile is adequately shown, but it was agreed that the applicants would submit proposed drawing changes to clarify the structure in the drawings. In this regard, the Examiner pointed out that the shortened lead line for the number 15b points to the same element as the lead line from 15a.

Accordingly, submitted with the present amendment is a Drawing Correction that clears up inconsistencies in the drawings. More specifically, the positioning of, and/or the lead lines from, the numerals 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Fig. 2 have been changed to more clearly point to the top, bottom and side members of the sash structure. In addition, the numeral 11b in Fig. 2 has been changed to 11c, thus indicating the comparatively low flange wall of the covering member 11.

As can be appreciated from page 6, lines 9-21 of the specification, the numeral 15 in Fig. 2 designates the interior glazing profile as a whole. The numerals 15a and 15b denote different portions of the same structure, the inward protruding profile and the

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upright flange wall, respectively, of the substantially U-shaped profile members of the glazing profile 15

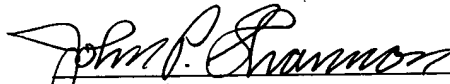
In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figure 2, more specifically the positioning of, and/or the lead lines from, the numerals 5, 6, 7 and 8 have been changed to more clearly point to the top, bottom and side members of the sash structure. In addition, the numeral 11b in Figure 2 has been changed to 11c, thus indicating the comparatively low flange wall of the covering member 11. The attached sheet which includes Figures 2 and 3 replaces the original sheet which included Figures 2 and 3.

Attachments: Replacement sheet (1)

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (1)

